

HOLY CITY IS CAPTURED BY BRITISH

OTTAWA SUFFERS AS MERCURY DROPS 61-2 DEGREES BELOW ZERO

CONTINUOUS COLD EATS
INTO SHORTENED
FUEL SUPPLY.

DEALERS WORRIED

INABILITY TO GET COAL TO
MEET DEMAND RESULTS IN
DANGEROUS SITUATION—RE-
LIEF WORKERS OBTAIN SUP-
PLIES FOR CITY'S UNFORTUN-
ATES.

In the grip of a biting northwest
wind for three successive days, Ot-
tawa climaxed its suffering from the
intense cold, with typical Medicine
Hat weather Sunday and last night.
While the government thermometer
caught the temperature at 6½ degrees
below zero, the smaller indicators
registered as low as 10 below at some
stages of the night.

Saturday night the government con-
tractor registered 4½ below and on
Friday night the count was one under
the zero mark. Seventy-two hours of
this kind of weather has wrought
havoc with the coal piles, among
those fortunate enough to have their
sheds and cellars well filled with
fuel, while intense suffering is re-
ported by philanthropic bodies among
the poor. Provisions are being har-
dly made for those of the city's un-
fortunates who are not properly pro-
vided with warm clothing and suffi-
cient fuel to keep their homes warm
and comfortable. Every effort will
be made by charitable inclined orga-
nizations to see that necessities are
furnished homes that are reported
without them.

Supply Continues "Short."

Coal dealers, face to face with a
stringency they have long expected
and tried to fortify themselves
against, today announce that their
supply of merchantable coal is at the
lowest ebb it has been in years. Every
effort is being made to "stock up"
to tide the city over the present cold
spell in a hope that by the next week
weather there will be enough on hand
to prevent a repetition of the condi-
tion confronting them today.

Mine Fires Blamed.

Fires in three or four of the mines
from which Ottawa has been getting
a portion of its fuel supply, is at-
tributed as one of the reasons for the
shortage today. Wires were kept
hot this morning in an attempt to se-
cure cars for the city, but no en-
couragement was given these re-
quests.

It is possible that the situation may
be slightly relieved tomorrow, and
hopes are held out by dealers that
such will be the case. That the con-
dition is grave and more serious than
they care to state, is generally ad-
mitted by retailers of the city. De-
liveries of tonlots continue and will
be forced until such time as the
one dealer's announcement to the
stringency is reduced, according to
Free Trader-Journal this morning.

Joy in One Place.

Up at the Ottawa Ice & Fuel Com-
pany's plant joy is being shown as a
result of the present cold wave. Ice
on the canal, according to an official
measurement taken this afternoon, is
four and one-half inches in thickness
and a continuation of the present cold
spell means that in a week cutters
can begin their operations as prelin-
aries to filling the company's houses
with their thousands upon thousands
of tons of ice for next summer's use.
Machinery is being placed in shape
for cutting and in case the weather
holds out the harvest will be started
at the earliest possible moment.

Death Due to Cold.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—With no signs of
an abatement of the cold, Chicago to-
day is in the grip of the most severe
cold spell of the winter. At 6 o'clock
this morning thermometers in various
parts of the city registered 5 degrees
below zero.

Although the weather is clear and
there is little snow on the ground the
cold is accompanied by a bitter wind
that adds greatly to the discomfort.
One death is attributed indirectly
to the cold and one man, unconscious
from exposure and with his hands and
feet frozen, is in the county hospital.

MURDERER FREED OF CHARGES BY JURY IN CIRCUIT COURT

WOYTKO FOUND NOT GUILTY
AFTER JURY DELIBERATED
THRU LARGE PART OF SAB-
BATH TO REACH VERDICT.

Nick Woytko yesterday walked
from the county jail a freed man.
Three months of suspense over his
fate for the alleged murder of Kai-
ton Wallendukans, his boarding-
house keeper, showed upon the Rus-
sian's face as he waited for "his"
jury to decide his guilt or innocence.
At 1 o'clock when word reached his
cell, a verdict had been obtained.
Woytko found it difficult to suppress
his feelings. A few minutes later
he was ushered into the Circuit Court
room he nervously clasped and un-
clasped his hands. Then came the
word "not guilty."

The not understanding a word in
English, Woytko seemed to grasp the
situation when he looked each juror
in the face after the reading of their
verdict. He relaxed and when the
interpreter told him he was free, that
he would not have to be punished for
the slaying of Wallendukans, a smile
spread from ear to ear and played
about his face while he shook hands
with several of the jurors and dumbly
tried to thank them.

At 5 o'clock Woytko left for La
Salle where he will begin his new
life among his clansmen in a home of
living down the cloud that was left on
his name following the shooting of
Kaiton last September.

Hold Nerve Session.

The trial of Woytko did not con-
clude until 11 o'clock Saturday night,
when closing arguments were made
by L. O. Browne, assistant to State's
Attorney Wiley during the trial. Mr.
Browne asked the jury to convict the
defendant and to give him a sentence
that would fit his crime, after Atter-
ney Conway, counsel for the defend-
ant, had asked clemency and said his
client had accidentally shot Wallen-
dukans.

Judge Reads Instructions.

At 11 o'clock Judge Eldredge com-
pleted reading the instructions and
the jury retired. During their ballot-
ing Sunday the "barometer" showed
that the jurors at one time stood 7
to 5 for conviction. Other ballots
showed the position reversed and just
before agreeing the court shift to 10
to 2 and then 11 to 1 for "not guilty."
Finally the last ballot decided in fa-
vor of the defendant.

Odds Against State.

Odds throughout the entire trial were
heavy on the defendant's side. The
state, because of the taciturn char-
acteristics of foreigners of the slav
type, was unable to prove a motive
for the shooting, thereby placing them
against a big handicap. Their only
witnesses who really could throw any
light on the subject, either by act or
word, were unable to convince the
jurors that the shooting was intention-
al. The 12 years old son of the dead
man, the state's trump card, did not
come up to expectations with his tes-
timony, and when the evidence was
all introduced, court attaches and
longers who followed the trial were
almost certain the verdict would be
not guilty.

Under the circumstances the state
made a brave fight. Attorney James
J. Conway's faithful work for his
client won him the admiration of the
audience who sat thru the trial. The
self-defense theory was built up un-
der his direction and careful plan-
ning and the success of the plea is
shown by the verdict.

Wideman Funeral Tuesday.

The funeral services for Jules
Wideman will be held Tuesday after-
noon at 1 o'clock from the home, 1929
West Main street. Rev. G. W. Ches-
man, pastor of the First Baptist
church, will officiate. Burial will be at
Gutawa avenue cemetery.

John Rising, an engineer was scalded
to death when a broken wheel, be-
lieved to have cracked because of the
cold, caused his engine to overturn.
Robert Dunkin is the sufferer in the
hospital.



—Morgan in Philadelphia Inquirer.

REV. L. E. HACKETT COUNTRY SCHOOLS DELIVERS INITIAL SHOW PATRIOTISM SERMON IN OTTAWA

NEW PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK'S
CHURCH TAKES OVER PULPIT
LEFT VACANT BY DEATH OF
REV. M. A. QUIRK.

Pointing out his aims and hopes as
their spiritual leader Rev. L. E. Hack-
ett yesterday took the dias at St. Pat-
rick's church and delivered a sermon
before a large congregation that fol-
lowed interestedly his every word.
Their new priest's formal introduction
from the pulpit was occasion for a
congregation turning out that filled
the spacious church in spite of the
inclement weather. The verdict fol-
lowing the sermon was unanimously
agreed that Bishop Dunne had pro-
vided the church with a capable suc-
cessor to the late Father Quirk.

Addressing his flock, Father Hack-
ett said in part:

"Our right reverend bishop was
pleased to place upon my shoulders
the duties and responsibilities of pas-
tor of this congregation. I realize
that it is no easy task to continue the
excellent work you have so well in-
augurated under your late beloved
and talented leader.

"But my hope lies in the assurance
of your hearty co-operation, inspired
by Him who doth all things well. My
first duty is to gain your confidence
and yours is to give me the same con-
sideration that you gave to Father
Quirk.

RURAL COMMUNITIES TURN FUNDS OVER TO Y. M. C. A.— MONEY MADE AT ENTERTAIN- MENTS DURING PAST WEEK.

Five of the country schools in this
section made \$61.50 out of their pa-
triotic programs given by all the
schools in the district last week. The
money will be turned into the Y. M.
C. A. fund, and used for patriotic
work.

The two school districts, 181 and
182, seven miles north of Utica, held
a joint program last Thursday even-
ing. A patriotic program was fur-
nished and a box social was held at
the conclusion of the program. Rev.
G. W. Chesman of this city deliv-
ered a patriotic address and a program
was furnished by the students of the
two schools. Miss Ethel Olson of this
city is teacher of district school 182,
and Miss Gladys Stockley is teacher
of district 183. \$30 was taken in at
this entertainment.

Band school, district 256, ten miles
north of Ottawa held its patriotic cele-
bration Friday evening. A program
was given and candy, popcorn and
popped corn packages were sold dur-
ing the evening. \$18 was made at
this entertainment and was turned
into the Y. M. C. A. fund. Miss Anna
Langsett is teacher at this school.

The students of Maple Grove school,
between Ottawa and Marselles, dis-
trict 152, gave an excellent patriotic
program Friday evening. \$8 was tak-
en in door admissions which was
turned into the Y. M. C. A. fund.

Hess school, district 191, six miles
north of town held a patriotic pro-
gram Friday afternoon. After the
program trench candles were made.
Over 500 trench candles were turned
out by the people present. \$5.50 was
taken in, in door admissions which
was turned into the Y. M. C. A. fund.

TRY TO FIX BLAME FOR HALIFAX BLAST

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10.—Steps were
taken today towards fixing the re-
sponsibility for the disaster of last
Thursday when the munitions ship
Mont Blanc blew up. The investiga-
tion begins tomorrow.

SAILORS COMING TO OTTAWA TO BOOM WAR CERTIFICATES— MEETING IN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

A. D. Jones and L. D. Perron arrived
in this city this afternoon to make
arrangements for getting the county
organized to take over the selling of
the new government war certificate
stamps.

This is a new plan adopted by the
government for raising war funds.
This plan was made for the small
subscriber and certificates will be
made for 25 cents, 50 cents and \$5.00
stamps.

A county chairman will be selected
to take over the La Salle county quar-
ter, and a big mass meeting will be
held in this city Friday afternoon,
probably in the high school audi-
torium, to interest people in this new
war loan.

The Great Lakes naval training sta-
tion band will come to Ottawa Friday
to play at this meeting and will also
give a band concert on the street here
Friday before the meeting. If the
weather will permit, Mr. Nolan, from
Chicago will be in Ottawa to speak at
this meeting on the purpose of these
certificates.

Mr. Nolan has the reputation of be-
ing a noted speaker, and every one
in the city is urged to attend this
meeting.

MRS. SOPHIA GORE IS DEATH'S VICTIM

Mrs. Sophia Gore, wife of M. Gore,
died at the family home on Vine
street this morning at 8:20, after an
illness lasting more than two years.
Mrs. Gore was born in Lincoln, Ill.,
55 years ago and came to this city
from there in 1889.

Mrs. Gore was married twice, her
first husband being Robert H. Gore,
of Lincoln, who died many years ago.
She is survived by her husband,
Milan Gore, and nine children, Henry
H. of this city, Mrs. Mollie H. Ayle
of Joliet, Robert H. of South Ottawa,
John Gore of Ottawa, Mrs. Little Gore
Stricklen of Joliet, Rose Gore of
Salt Lake City, Carl Gore of Ohio,
George Gore and Wilbur Gore, both
of this city.

The funeral arrangements have not
been completed as yet.

Changes His Mind.
A man always imagines he has good
sense until he comes across an old love
letter he wrote to his wife during
courtship.

JERUSALEM BACK IN CHRISTIAN HANDS

London, Dec. 10.—Jerusalem has been captur-
ed from the Turks by the British army operating
in Palestine.

SERVICE FLAGS ARE UNFURLED AT TWO OTTAWA CHURCHES

BAPTISTS AND CONGREGATION-
ALISTS FLY FLAGS FOR BOYS
WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO
UNCLE SAM'S PLEA FOR SOL-
DIERS.

Last night at the Baptist church
a service flag with twenty-one stars
was presented to the church by the
Baptist Brotherhood. President Floyd
Delapp made the address of presen-
tation and W. E. Prichard the speech
of acceptance in behalf of the church.
County Superintendent of Schools

W. R. Foster gave the address of the
evening, his subject being "Service."
It was a most forceful address and
timely. Professor Foster has a gen-
ius for presenting a subject clearly
and in a manner to grip the heart as
well as the intellect.

On the platform with the speakers
were Lieut. Leighton Yentzer, Lieut.
Howard Morley and Private Emil
Kain. The mothers of the enlisted
boys sat together in the front pews.
The twenty-one stars of the service
flag were sewed on by the mothers of
the boys, each mother sewing her
own boy's star on the flag. Attention
was made by Mr. Prichard in his re-
marks that the flag would be more
valuable in days to come for this
reason.

The musical program was good.
The orchestra gave appropriate selec-
tions and greatly aided the spirit in
the singing of the patriotic songs.
Kenneth Snare sang, "We'll Never
Let the Old Flag Fall."

The evening was bitter cold and
the congregation that was anticipated
did not materialize for this reason;
but one hundred and thirty did brave
the biting elements to attend the
services.

Sixteen on Honor Roll.

A service flag containing sixteen
stars was dedicated yesterday morn-
ing at the Congregational church for
the sixteen men of the church who
have joined the service of the coun-
try. The dedication address was made
by Duncas McDougall. The men from
the church who have enlisted are:

- Vaughn Baxter, Q. M. Dept., Chillicothe, Ohio.
- Corp. Harold A. Butters, on the way to France.
- J. Melvin French, Q. M. Dept., Chillicothe, Ohio.
- Sergt. Willard S. Gay, on the way to France.
- Claresce W. Glover, Regular Army Amb. Corps, Allentown, Pa.
- Lieut. Rodney C. Glaver, Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.
- William B. Hardin, Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia.
- Simeon D. Hay, Camp Logan, Tex.
- Dr. G. A. Karr, Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.
- Lieut. James Milligan, Jr., Co. C, I. N. G., Houston.
- Wm. R. Milligan, bugler, Co. C, I. N. G., Houston.
- Dr. Roswell T. Pettit, Somewhere in France.
- Capt. Taylor Strawn, Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.
- William J. True, Co. C, I. N. G., Houston.
- Sergt. Glenn W. Weese, Co. C, I. N. G., Houston.

C. E. ELECTS MISS WATSON PRESIDENT

The Christian Endeavor Society of
the First Congregational church held
its annual election of officers last
night at the church. The officers
elected for the coming year were:
President—Vera Watson.
Vice president—Mrs. Joseph Peck.
Secretary—Julia Anschlicks.
Treasurer—Elizabeth Caton.

Announcement to this
effect was made in par-
liament this afternoon.

The fall of the Holy City has been
expected ever since the British took
Jappa, its port. Jerusalem is again
in possession of the Christians for the
first time since 1516, when it came
under the Turkish yoke.

Japs Land in Vladivostok.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 10.—Japanese
troops have landed at Vladivostok,
Russia's great port city on the Pa-
cific.

Chinese troops have entered Har-
bin, Manchuria, to protect their inter-
ests there. Information to this effect
was received here today.

There are vast supplies of war
stores lying in the warehouses at Vla-
divostok, which were sold to the
Russian government by Japan and the
United States. It is supposed that
agreements existed by which these
stores were to be used against the
German powers and the landing of
Japanese troops was probably accom-
plished to prevent them from being
taken over to the Bolsheviks.

Peasants Renounce Armistice.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 10.—Nich-
olas Lenine, the Bolshevik, premier
at Petrograd, intends to put the
question of an armistice up to the
constituents assembly when it con-
venes, according to a dispatch print-
ed here today.

There were several reports concern-
ing Russian affairs reaching here to-
day. They were:

That the Bolsheviks are now willing
to agree to the formation of a coal-
ition government.

That Russian soldiers returning
from the front are murdering Jews.

That the peasants council has issued
a manifesto repudiating an armis-
tice with Germany.

Berlin Reports Success.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The capture of 200
Italian prisoners and the Italian pos-
ition at Siliwas reported by the Ger-
man war office today.

On the western front the German
war office reported that some Brit-
ish troops were driven from their
trenches on the Cambrai salient.

News from Russia of a counter rev-
olution against the Bolshevik govern-
ment at Petrograd took precedence
over all else today.

Generals Kaledines and Korniloff
are said to have a big army of Cos-
sacks in Central and South Eastern
Russia and are threatening to isolate
Petrograd and Northern Russia shut-
ting off the food and fuel supply.

The greater part of Russia is evi-
dently up in arms against the Bol-
sheviki leaders and there was strong
ground for hope today that the rad-
icals would be frustrated in their ef-
forts to make a separate peace with
Germany.

The province of Amur in Siberia
and the City of Vladivostok have de-
clared their independence of the Bol-
sheviki government.

The first step towards what they ul-
timately prove foreign intervention in
Russia has been taken jointly by Ja-
pan and China, both of which coun-
tries are at war against Germany.
Chinese troops are at Harbin and
Japanese forces have been landed at
Vladivostok to protect the war sup-
plies there and foreign interests as
well.

Revolutionaries Victors.

London, Dec. 10.—Revolutionary
disorders bordering on civil war were
reported from Russia and Portugal to-
day, while unrest reigns in Spain. Ac-
cording to advices from Copenhagen
today, General Korniloff, former com-
mander of the Russian army and one
of the chief leaders of Cossacks, has
been liberated from prison in Mos-
cow and, together with General Kale-
dines has declared war on the Bolsh-
eviki government in Petrograd.

The Bolshevik leaders at Petro-
grad are reported to be marshalling
forces to meet the Cossacks and
bloody fighting is in prospect in the
Don region.

The new turn that Russian affairs
have taken makes it unlikely that the
constituent assembly will be able to
meet in Petrograd tomorrow, altho
Nicholas Lenine, the Bolshevik pre-
mier recently announced that a ses-
sion would be held in Moscow.

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